



TAFI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

The purpose of the league shall be to provide and promote, through properly qualified guidance and supervision, a clean and wholesome youth football and cheerleading program. It is our intent to teach the basic skills of football and cheerleading, to teach proper conduct and sportsmanship and ultimately, to positively affect the development of our children. The league was developed for children to learn football and cheer, to have playing/participation time and to have fun. We know that if these children have fun in a positive environment they will play better and want to stay with the sport as they get older. We also know that parents have a significant influence in the shaping and developing of their minds in knowledge, attitudes and emotions, I therefore agree:

1. Children participate to have fun and the games, the teams and the program are for our youth not adults.
2. I will promote the safety and well-being of all players/cheerleaders ahead of any personal desire to win.
3. I will praise all players/cheerleaders for competing fairly and trying hard, that even though the goal is to win, doing ones best is more important than winning. Participants should never feel defeated by the outcome of the game or his/her performance.
4. I will always encourage sportsmanship, show respect, courtesy, and demonstrate positive support for all players, cheerleaders, coaches, officials, parents and spectators. I will not display any unsportsmanlike conduct to the opposing team, fellow players/cheerleaders, coaches or any league representatives on any social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)
5. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike, disrespectful, irresponsible or inappropriate conduct with any official, coach, player, cheerleader, parent or spectator such as booing, taunting, or any obscene or disrespectful gesture.
6. I will not ridicule or talk negatively about any player, cheerleader, official, team, or coach especially singling out a player, cheerleader, official or coach for making a mistake or losing a competition.
7. I will encourage all players to play by the rules, resolving conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
8. I will keep open communication with the coaching staff and help support them. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety or health of my child or the safety and health of others.
9. I will refrain from coaching during games and practices, unless asked to do so and I have met all the TAFI Guidelines to do so.
10. I will respect the officials and their authority during a game and never question or confront coaches at the game field.
11. I will demand a sport environment that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and refrain from use in all areas.
12. I will respect the fields, keeping practice and game areas clean and picked up.
13. I will help create a positive and fun environment and knowing that praise goes a long way, I will help make our children feel like winners.
14. I will respect the property and equipment used, and return all TAFI equipment at the end of the season. I

understand that if I fail to return TAFL equipment, I will be charged a \$100 replacement fee plus court fees if recovered through due process of the legal system.¹⁵ In agreeing to the TAFL Parent Code of Conduct I know I am ultimately responsible for all family members, guests and friends that come to TAFL activities representing my child. I have read the Parent Code of Conduct of the Thumb Area Football and Cheerleading League and understand the responsibility of myself, guests and family members and the consequences that can occur for failure to uphold the standards of the Thumb Area Football and Cheerleading League.¹⁶ Infraction of League expectations, if not specifically noted, are subject to a variety of disciplinary actions by the local Community and/or the Thumb Area Football and Cheerleading League Board of Directors. Disciplinary action may include dismissal from the program.